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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of [REDACTED] Mission 25X1C  
C174C Flown on 7 July 1964

1. The results of this mission are based on a preliminary field analysis. This mission provided a considerable amount of important information on 21 airfields, 11 of which are primary tactical bases. In addition a relatively large number of ground force and naval installations were also covered. No new missile sites or installations were disclosed.

2. The most important item in the mission is probably the identification of nine MIG-21 jet fighters at Wuhu Airfield. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NPIC has been asked to confirm the field analysis of these MIG-21's but will not be able to do so until they receive the films in the middle of next week.

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3. Ten other important east China airfields were covered. In some cases existing order-of-battle was confirmed and in others some changes will result. The official Air Force order-of-battle for the airfields covered lists about 360 jet fighters (exclusive of the 9 MIG-21's at Wuhu) and 40 IL-28 jet bombers. This mission confirmed about 300 jet fighters and 50 IL-28 jet light bombers. At one airfield-Tachang in the Shanghai area--4 disassembled jet fighters were observed on the field. Part of the difference between the 360 officially accepted and 300 actually observed may be due to further attrition and transfers.

4. A large number of military barracks areas were covered but no new significant information was disclosed.

5. The main naval bases in the Shanghai area, including the one at Tinghai in the Choushan Islands, were covered. There was no indication of continuing major naval construction at the main shipyards in the Shanghai area. In previous years these shipyards had produced destroyer escorts and submarines. Photography of Tinghai

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disclosed three destroyer type vessels there which are probably the RIGA class destroyer escorts (Communist China has four). These have previously been based at Shanghai. Three submarines were also noted at one of the bases on the Choushans. 25X1A

